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Waihi/Thames Valley Branch News and Runs List

Yay it's finally Spring! Time to dust off your leathers, bike and get out on the highway.

First of all I must apologize to a couple of you it seems that a few of you have not been receiving emails from myself, this is because I had your email addresses logged in wrong so please accept my apologies and hopefully I have remedied the problem.

From all the photo's that I have seen on facebook and the Ulysses website it looks like there was a great turnout for the Remembrance Ride in Taupo. Well done Andrew Leigh for making it the only one I know of from our branch that went.

We only had 5 members leave the Kopu Cafe for the ride up to Auckland for the Ride Forever Motorcycle Show, I however was the only female and felt a bit left out as the guys drooled all the way through all three pavilions of beautiful bikes. And all I wanted was a Hotdog.

Unfortunately only two members showed up for our August lunch ride at the 131 Bar in Paeroa, sorry Dawn can't wait to see your new Spyder.

Call out to branch members.....This is a request from branch/committee member Andrew Leigh, Andrew intends to do the Brass Monkey rally in Central Otago next June, if any other members are keen to join Andrew please contact him directly email: anaruteitei@gmail.com

Did you know that you are now able to find our branch newsletter and runs list on the National Ulysses website? Check it out at <http://www.ulysses.org.nz/>

And for those of you that don't know, you are now able to check us out on Facebook head to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/675922525886860/> or search Ulysses Waihi – Thames Valley Branch request to join the group and one of our admins will accept you. And don't forget to check out our website <http://www.ulysseswtv.org.nz> these are the best ways to keep up to date with what is happening in our branch.

INTERISLANDER DISCOUNT

Ulysses members qualify for a 10% discount for travel (bike & passengers) on the Interislander Cook Strait ferry service. This applies for all travel until 19 December 2017, except for the summer holiday period - 19 December 2016 to 1 February 2017. The code to use when booking is 'XULY1'. Note that you also need to present your Ulysses membership card at time of check-in at the ferry terminal.

A new range of discounts available through **e-link** has been added to the club website.

www.elinkgroup.co.nz **e-Link Trade Cards offer Ulysses Club members service discounts nationwide**

e-Link Group are proudly New Zealand owned and operated company s in 2012 to allow both individuals and companies to purchase at a competitive rate nationwide. e-link have made some changes to their website to enable Ulysses Members to apply online.

- Register here: <http://membershiplogin.elinkgroup.co.nz>
- Ulysses Members will click “Association Membership” Tab to ensure preferred pricing.
- Enter Ulysses Club unique code:**UCNZ072016** as the Verification Code. This code is for the exclusive use of Ulysses Club members only.

When you log in you will be able to explore the range of Suppliers and the benefits as an e-Link member Friends, family or colleagues can enjoy the benefits of an e-link Membership.

Your benefits are instantly loaded onto your personalised card when you join, and e-Link Trade Cards are valid for 12 months.

If you would like to lead a ride to your favourite place or on your favourite road then email and me on pandmjohanson@xtra.co.nz and let me know some dates and where you would like to ride to or if you would like Bike Night in or close to your town get at me with names of places we can go or if there is a nice park where we can have a picnic tea please let me know names and addresses so I can put them on the runs list.

Don't forget that can put your order in for your very own Branch Shirts.....



Until next time ride safe and shiny side up.....Marlene Johnson #8660



Runs List September – December 2016

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Day	Date	When	Where	Details	RIC/ Contact
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Sunday	18th September	12.00pm	131 Bar Paeroa	Committee Meeting	
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A quick get together for committee members before our Branch meeting.

Sunday	18th September	2.00pm	RSA Paeroa	WTV Branch Meeting	MYOW
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Your opportunity to participate in guiding the future direction of our Branch and catch up with your mates. Bring your ideas for runs and activities

Sunday	18th September	9.30am	Place Makers Highland Park	Blue September	MYOW
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A ride to promote Prostate Cancer Awareness. Dress up in blue, have fun riding in group. RAIN OR SHINE Anybody is welcome. Some great stuff happening this year. Ride Leaves 10:30am & heading north. This years registration packs will consist of A pin badge, raffle ticket & calendar, especially designed for Bikes in Blue & donated by easy2c (allen calendars) all for \$20. Coffee available at the venues & plenty of great prizes to be won!

Sunday	25th September	1.00pm	Waihi Beach RSA	Lunch Ride	MYOW
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Our monthly lunch ride. Just an excuse to get in a winter ride, a spot of lunch and a catch up. Meet L&P Bottle 12.00pm and ride over to Waihi with others or meet at the RSA at 1.00pm.

Head ups save the dates.....Starting Bike Night's fortnightly on a Wednesday and keeping up with our monthly lunch rides

Saturday	1st October	10.00am	L&P Bottle Paeroa	Aroha Cruise In Te Aroha	Marlene J
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The Aroha Cruise In back and is on the first weekend of October, making this the 9th Cruise In on Saturday October 1st. The main street of Te Aroha will again be closed off and invite classic car, bike and hot-rod owners to show off their pride and joy at the event. Of course, there is always so much more to see including vintage tractors and fire engines, along with some fantastic car and caravans on display too. <http://www.cruisein.co.nz/>

Saturday	1st October	9.00am	Whangamata	Brits @ the Beach, Whangamata	MYOW
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After you have been to the Te Aroha Cruise In you may want to head over to Whangamata and have a look at the Brits at the Beach. <http://www.britsatthebeach.co.nz/>

Sunday	2nd October	9.00am	Tauranga	Pro-Rider Course	MYOW
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If you are wanting to do this course please book via the following link and book under the course listed Wahi-Thames Ulysses members. This is a Silver course. <http://www.prorider.co.nz/motorcycle-training-courses.php?course=31#booking>

Wednesday	5th October	6.00pm	Royal Oak Hotel Tapu	Bike Night	MYOW
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Just an excuse for a mid week ride and a catch up. Maybe have a bit of dinner.

7th, 8th, 9th	October	4.00pm	24th Far North Ulysses	Branch Rally	MYOW
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See your current Ulyssian for details.

Sunday	9th October	10.30am	L&P Bottle	Mamaku Blueberry Cafe, 311 Maraeroa Road, Mamaku Rotorua	Colin Ottaway
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Our monthly lunch ride. Just an excuse to get in a ride, a spot of lunch and a catch up.

Sunday	9th October	10.30am	Auckland Netball Centre	WIMA Annual Pink Ribbon Charity Ride	MYOW
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For NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. Funds raised will go towards supporting the Foundation's activities. Make your own way to the starting point. Badge Sales at both ends of ride. Meeting at 09:00am at Auckland Netball Centre, Cnr Stonefields Ave & College Rd, St Johns. Departing 10:30am, arriving Western Springs Carpark for a sausage sizzle, raffles and prize giving. Make your own way to start point.

14th, 15th, 16th	October	Wellington	Marlene Johnson @	Coordinators Meeting	
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Saturday	15th October	10am	Kopu Station Hotel	Bella Street Pumphouse 75 Mile Poker Run	MYOW
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Open to Hot Rods, Classic Cars, and Motorcycles. Registration \$20 per hand. Prize giving at the Bella Street Pumphouse, food and cash bar available.

Sunday	16th October	9.30am	L&P Bottle Paeroa	MotorCycle Show & Swap Meet Hamilton	DOD
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Held at the Classics Museum Carpark 11 Railside Place, Frankton.

*Classic & Modern MOTORCYCLE SWAP MEET catering for all Japanese, British, European, American parts and complete bikes of all era's FEATURING DISPLAY OF GRAND PRIX 2-STROKE RACE BIKES

*Trade displays *New Model bikes *New & used motorcycle parts *Some of NZ's top Road Race bikes and Sidecars on display *Talk to road race teams and club members about how to get into racing *Motorcycle trials riding demo all day

*Electric trials bikes *New trials bikes on display, inc kids bikes! *VMX (Classic) Motocross Bikes * Custom Bikes

* A wide variety of HMCC Club Members bikes on display

Wednesday	19th October	6.00pm	Thames Wholesale Fisheries	Bike Night	MYOW
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Shortland Wharf Thames - Just an excuse for a mid week ride and a catch up. Maybe have a bit of dinner.

November 1st – March 1st			Rescue Helicopter Hunt		MYOW
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Wednesday	2nd November	6.00pm	Coroglen Tavern	Bike Night	MYOW
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Just an excuse for a mid week ride and a catch up. Maybe have a bit of dinner.

Saturday	5th November	9.00am	Waihi	Surf to Surf Rescue Ride	MYOW
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Official ride starts at Waihi Beach to Putaruru, to Raglan \$20 – Ride to raise funds for the Waikato Westpac Rescue Helicopter

Sunday	13th November	9.00am	Paeroa L&P Bottle	Ronnie Run	Colin Ottaway
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As last year Colin will lead the ride straight to Ronald MacDonald House. (Ride for Ronald McDonald House Auckland) hosted by Ulysses Club, North Harbour Branch.

Sunday	13th November	10.30am	L&P Bottle, Paeroa	Short Mystery Ride	Roger Shutte
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Join us for a short mystery ride approximately 1 ½ hours, then off to the Waihi Memorial RSA, Seddon St Waihi to join in with the Waihi Goldmine Country Music Club \$4 per person (Children Free) this includes afternoon tea plus a door prize raffle.

Wednesday	16th November	6.00pm	131 Bar, Paeroa	Bike Night	MYOW
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Just an excuse for a mid week ride and a catch up. Maybe have a bit of dinner.

Sunday	20th November	9.30am 10.30am	L&P Bottle, Paeroa Gull, Matamata Kaimai Riders are able to jump in at Putaruru	Resthome Marlene F	DOD
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This was a huge success last time and a great day was had by all.
Ride will leave from the L&P Bottle in Paeroa, once in Matamata Marlene Fisher will then lead the ride to the resthome. There is a cafe on site at the resthome for a cuppa then ride onto Okorori for lunch. Then off to the meeting at the Paeroa RSA at 3.00pm.

Summer times for meetings....3pm

Sunday	20th November	3.00pm	RSA Paeroa	WTV Branch Meeting	MYOW
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Wednesday	30th Nov	6.00pm	Punters Bar Tairua	Bike Night	MYOW
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Just an excuse for a mid week ride and a catch up. Maybe have a bit of dinner.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday Dec 2nd 3rd 4th	10.00am	Waihi BP	Milby's	Clive
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\$60.00 for accommodation and meals. BYO drinks.
A weekend at the famous Milby's. Bring own bedding/sleeping bag, towel and toiletries.

Wednesday	14th December	6.00pm	Star'n'Garter Coromandel Town	Bike Night	MYOW
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Just an excuse for a mid week ride and a catch up. Maybe have a bit of dinner.

Saturday	17th December	11.00am	Kopu Cafe	Hunua Falls	Marlene
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Bring a picnic lunch, we will have lunch at the falls. Spend a bit of time in the sun and head back via Clevedon, Kaiaua.

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY xxx

Wednesday	28th December	6.00pm	Waiomu Beach Park, Thames Coast	Bike Night	MYOW
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Pack up your Christmas Day left overs and lets head to the beach for a Picnic Dinner.
Just an excuse for a mid week ride and a catch up. Maybe have a bit of dinner.

Save the date.....

Sunday	15th January	3.00pm	RSA Paeroa	WTV Branch Meeting	MYOW
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17th, 18th, 19th	February	From 4pm Friday 17th	Waitawheta Camp 439 Waitawheta Road Waihi	WTV Valley Rally
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\$15.00 per person per night.

BYO Alcohol, Food, Plants, Cups, Cutlery and Cooking utensils supplied. – This year the Valley Rally is back at Waitawheta Camp.....The camp is located in rural Waitawheta near the town of Waihi, and is close to large areas of native New Zealand bush and rivers, including one of New Zealand's top ten natural attractions - the Karangahake Gorge and the Hauraki Rail Trail. Only 15 minutes drive from Waihi Beach.